

Police Jury Room
April 2, 2001
Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on April 2, 2001 with Mr. Ritter Trahan presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Trahan, who asked that the meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Mr. Purvis Abshire,
Mr. Terry Bessard,
Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard,
Mr. Kenneth DeHart,
Mr. Carroll Duhon,
Mr. Hubert Faulk,
Mr. Louis Joe Hardy,
Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux,
Mr. Mark Poche',
Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr.,
Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr.
Mr. Ritter P. Trahan.

Absent: Mr. Minos Broussard,
Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the March 19, 2001 regular meeting and the March 26, 2001 special meeting were dispensed with and were accepted.

President Ritter Trahan read the following announcements:

- (1) The Greater Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce will have their April General Membership Meeting on April 5, 2001 at 12:00 Noon at the Riverfront Restaurant in Abbeville. Mr. Dwight Landreneau, Assistant Secretary, Office of State Parks will be the guest speaker and will detail the latest plans for the development of the Palmetto Island State Park.
- (2) The "Carousel of Arts 2001" will have their eighth annual celebration of The Visual and Performing Arts on April 4 – 8, 2001.
- (3) The 66th Annual National Association of Counties Conference and Exposition, will be held July 13 – 17, 2001 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- (4) Received a copy of the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District's 2000 Financial report, a copy of which is attached to this agenda, and will be kept on file.
- (5) The Louisiana Government Finance Officers Association will sponsor their Spring Conference "Implementing the GASB's New Financial Reporting Model" on May 8 – 10, 2001 in Lafayette.
- (6) Received a copy of a resolution from the St. Bernard Parish Government opposing House Bill No. 25 which provides for closing polling places at 6:00 p.m., two hours earlier than the traditional 8:00 p.m. closing time.
- (7) Received a copy of a resolution from the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury requesting Congressional support to reactivate the Federal Revenue Sharing Program.

Relative to Announcement #6, upon motion of Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., with Mr. Louis Joe Hardy expressing a negative vote, the Police Jury did resolve to go on record opposing the closing of polling precincts at 6:00 p.m. and authorized that the parish legislative delegation be requested to oppose these bills.

Relative to Announcement #7, upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury did resolve to go on record in support of requesting the Congressional Delegation for their support to reactivate the Federal Revenue Sharing Program.

Mr. Gene Sellers, Parish Engineer, advised the Jury that the bids received for the tractors and mowers are currently being tabulated. He will report the results at the next road committee meeting.

Mr. Sellers commented on the specifications used for the recent purchases of flat bed trucks for the Solid Waste Program. The beds have one seam in the construction, however the contractors can provide a seamless bed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mark Poche, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Jury authorized that a change order be prepared to require a no seam bed body at a cost of \$100.00/bed for the three (3) vehicles.

Mr. Sellers commented on the dump bodies which were recently received as replacements to existing equipment. Supplier to provide information to him on possible alternatives.

Mr. Sellers also commented on the specifications and bids received last week for dump truck engines. General Motors does not make a wet sleeve engine. Ford, International and Freightliner can bid these engines on their trucks. Bids could also be received from outside of the parish, however specs have only been sent to local dealers.

Upon motion of Mr. Erenal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the award of the contract to furnish 3 – 5 cubic yard dump trucks and 1 – 15 cubic yard tandem dump truck to Frenzel Motors, Inc. per their bids received March 28, 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury issued Drilling Permit # 1172 to Bean Resources, Inc. for work to be done in Election District No. 9. The permit is to set-up a proposed drill site, board road, and appurtenant structures for drilling the Mayard Heirs No. 1 Well.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Mark Poche, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury authorized the award of the contract to furnish both proposals for Furniture and Fixtures for the Kaplan Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library to Library Interiors of Texas, Inc. Proposal A is in the amount of \$28,352.04 and Proposal B is in the amount of \$13,945.82.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, Item No. 8 of the Public Road Committee Recommendations was amend to include a state highway driveway permit installation for Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery on La. Hwy 708.

Upon motion of Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Public Road Committee Recommendations were approved as amended, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations.

PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A PUBLIC ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the bids received to furnish dump trucks, tractors, side mowers and a boom mower be taken under advisement.
2. It is recommended that for all future bid specifications, that the parish engineer review the specifications with the appropriate department head and mechanic shop foreman.
3. It is recommended that the Police Jury adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign an application for funds though the Capital Outlay Program to clean out an existing canal off of the Oaks Canal.

4. It is recommended that the Road Superintendent meet with sugar cane farmers regarding the current policy dealing with plowing field onto the parish road right-of-ways.
5. It is recommended that the Police Jury accept as official, the notice from the Road Supervisor advising that Tammy Ryder will be quitting her secretarial position at the Public Works Complex.

It is further recommended that the open secretary position be advertised to be filled.

6. It is recommended that the Police Jury ratify the termination of Lorenzo Ball from the Area 1 Road Crew effective as of March 26, 2001.

It is further recommended that Mitchell Thibeaux be hired as a non CDL dump truck driver effective as of March 28, 2001.

7. It is recommended that prices be obtained for a replacement portable building for the Area 2 Satellite Barn.
8. It is recommended that the following State Highway Driveway permit installations be approved:

- A) Todd J. Sonnier – La. Hwy 699
- B) Chad Turner – La. Hwy 14
- C) Nick Fruge – La. Hwy 330
- D) Kim Smith – La. Hwy 343
- E) Irene Hoffpauir – La. Hwy 700
- F) David Freeland – La. Hwy 91

9. It is recommended that Invoice No. 392 from Rodney J. Istre and Sons in the amount of \$19,092.00 be approved to be paid. Costs to be reimbursed through the Rural Development Grant. Payment represents work completed on the Meaux-Nunez Fire Station addition project.

It is further recommended that a change order to the Meaux-Nunez Fire Station Addition project be approved in the amount of \$900.00. Change Order reflects cost to construct an additional 21' x 9' concrete slab at the site. Costs to be paid by the Meaux-Nunez Fire Department from their funds.

10. It is recommended that the Police Jury submit the following projects for consideration for funding under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program being handled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- A) Funding of a study to assess the potential environmental impacts of the deepwater dredging project proposed for Freshwater Bayou and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, the study would recommend safeguards needed to maintain the environmental conditions should the project be realized.
 - B) Seventh Ward Canal Control Structure
 - C) Hebert Canal Control Structure
 - D) Cheniere Au Tigre Shoreline Protection Project (Cement Filled Bags)
11. It is recommended that the President be authorized to act on behalf of the Police Jury in all matters pertaining to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana and others relative to the Parish Government Office Complex Project, F. P. & C. Project # 50-J57-00B-02.
12. It is recommended that the following costs relative to meet the insurance deductible be approved to be paid:
- A) Laborde and Neuner - \$1,318.42
 - B) Dennis Bourgeois - \$148.00
13. It is recommended that the Police Jury enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Des Jons Drainage District to utilize their excavator and operator to clean an existing public drainage in the Pecan Island area. Expenses to be reimbursed to the Drainage District through a state grant.
- It is further recommended that a drainage right-of-way form be prepared for landowner signatures.
14. It is recommended that Michael J. Bertrand and C. J. Bertrand be authorized to attend the annual Louisiana Floodplain Managers Association State Conference in Baton Rouge on April 18 – 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther "Buster" Hardee, III,
Chairman

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following resolution was adopted:

In accordance with the Public Road Committee Recommendations, the following intergovernmental agreement was entered into:

TITLE: A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Coulee Des Jons Drainage District to enter into an intergovernmental agreement all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish, and any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to clean a public drainage in the Pecan Island area that is not served by an existing drainage district; and

WHEREAS, a request for funds is being made on the state level to pay the material and labor costs to do the project.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Coulee Des Jons Drainage District does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will provide labor and equipment to clean the drainage ditch;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does

RESOLVE THAT, they will act as the agent for the project and agree that expenses will be reimbursed to the Drainage District subject to a grant being received from the State to fund the improvements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the Police Jury and the Coulee Des Jons Drainage District and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

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Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Community Services Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations:

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the Police Jury acknowledge receipt of the agenda and minutes of the March 19, 2001 Policy Council meeting.

It is further recommended that for the Police Jury's purposes, the hiring of Claudette Derouen, effective June 1, 2001, will be at no additional compensation in view of the headstart program class time will have been completed in May.

2. It is recommended that the Headstart Central Office staff be advised that any existing annual leave due to them shall be taken between now and June 30, 2001 in lieu of getting payment at the end of the program year.

3. It is recommended that the Police Jury submit a letter of support for the St. Mary Community Action Agency to receive the Head Start Program sponsorship in view of their ability to provide a better benefit package for the employees.
4. It is recommended that the President be authorized to sign an application for continuation funding for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program for the 7/1/01 to 6/30/03 program period.
5. It is recommended that a representative from the Sheriff's Office be requested to attend the next Community Services Committee meeting to discuss reinstatement of trustee assistance for the monthly elderly commodity distribution program handled by the Christian Service Center.
6. It is recommended that the Interagency Task Force be advised that effective July 1, 2001, the Vermilion OCS program will no longer be able to provide secretarial assistance to the Task Force and that alternative sources will need to be found beginning with the July quarterly meeting notices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hubert Faulk, Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Rabies and Animal Control Committee Recommendations were approved as presented, and the appropriate officials of the Jury were authorized to carry out the recommendations;

RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2001
ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

AS A RESULT OF A RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2001, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR THE JURY'S CONSIDERATION:

1. It is recommended that the following invoices be approved to be paid for equipment purchased for the Rabies Control Building.
 - A) SHOR-LINE
Invoice #168084
Amount Due = \$6,215.66

B) TOMAHAWK LIVE TRAP COMPANY
Invoice #T-109524
Amount Due = \$1,236.69

Respectfully submitted,
Ritter Trahan,
Acting Chairman

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Carroll Duhon, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice No. 416016509 in the amount of \$75.00 from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality – Water Pollution Control Fee System, for the annual Class I Sanitary - General Permit for the 2001-2002 program year for the Intracoastal City Fire Station.

Upon motion of Mr. Terry Bessard, duly seconded by Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Statement No. 2040 in the amount of \$8,394.18 from The Sellers Group for architectural services provided relative to the new Abbeville Branch of the Vermilion Parish Library. Cost to be paid from the Construction Fund.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Kenneth DeHart, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved payment of Invoice dated 3/22/01 in the amount of \$1,901.79 to the Department of Elections and Registration. Invoice represents the Jury's share of the cost relative to the October 7, 2000 election.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury adopted the following resolutions of intent to alter the boundaries of Southeast Waterworks District No. 2 and the Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana:

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury allowed those in the audience to present their business at this time.

Mr. Elbert Dawson and Mr. Jim Grant, representatives of Herod Village, Inc. requested support of their application to become sponsor of the Vermilion Headstart Program. Comments in support of the Herod Village application were presented by others.

Ms. Almetra Franklin, CEO and Ms. Almeta Keys, Headstart Director, representatives from the St. Mary Community Action Agency commented on their application. They advised that they will keep the current program in place and maintain the staff. They have a proven track record. Thanked the Jury for support given to them in the Community Services Committee Recommendations.

The Police Jury advised those in the audience that no additional action would be taken at this time.

Ms. Rebecca Shirley, representing the Greater Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, and replacing Mr. Jeff Picard who had requested time on the agenda, introduced other board members who were present; Dr. Powlin Manuel, Mr. Fred Arceneaux, Mr. Eric Robichaux, Ms. Mary Ellen Sonnier and Ms. Shirley's assistant. Mrs. Shirley commented on the activities of the Chamber. Support of the development of Palmetto State Park is a major goal. Economic Development is also a goal and are in support of the creation of an economic development district. reservation of trees, etc. through ordinance. Truck route around Abbeville; Education; and Tourism, are all ongoing objectives. There is a need to work together. Willing to support local government if requested. Currently working on a letter to Governor Mike Foster and local legislators requesting support of State Park funding for the construction of Palmetto Park. They will be asking the Police Jury to send a similar letter.

Upon motion of Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., duly seconded by Mr. Terry Bessard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved the requested revisions to Permit No. 1167-D issued to Browning Oil Company for work to be done on Corwin Broussard No. 1 Well. The new applicant is Petro-Hunt, L.L.C. and the new well name is SL16786 No. 1 Well.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised the Police Jury of an invitation received from Med-Express Ambulance Service to celebrate their one year anniversary and ribbon cutting ceremonies that will be held on Friday, April 6, 2001 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Abbeville Station located at 304 W. Summers Drive. At 1:00 p.m. Med Flight will be at Abbeville General Hospital for anyone interested in viewing the helicopter and meeting the flight staff.

Upon motion of Mr. Carroll Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Hubert Faulk, and unanimously carried, the Jury entered into the following intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Kinney Drainage District Board:

Legal Counsel, Paul Moresi, III advised the Jury that relative to his review of the garbage pickup for Bill's Dollar Store, that they were currently involved in Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. The Police Jury and cannot cut off current service because of action taken by the Court. An option is to file a claim, which would incur some cost, or the Jury can wait and submit a claim when notified.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, relative to the delinquent garbage pickup charges for Bill's Dollar Store that the Jury wait until notified to submit a claim for the overdue services.

Relative to the damage to Railroad Street in Erath, the Legal Counsel advised that he had received a letter from the contractor stating they are willing to patch the road, however, per parish engineer, this will not provide a suitable resolution. He will continue to pursue the matter.

Relative to the Police Jury's request for legal counsel's opinion regarding the Jury's ownership of the Abbeville Headstart Facility, he believes the property is in fee title to the Police Jury which allows the Jury to dispose of it in any legal manner or maintain at this point.

Mr. Carroll Duhon inquired as to the status of a proposed hearing with the general public and the sugar cane farmers. It was decided that the Police Jury call for a meeting in the large courtroom on April 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Police Jury directed that Mrs. Debra Suire be transferred from the Rabies and Animal Control Program to the Solid Waste Facility as a general laborer/clerk on an interim basis.

Upon motion of Mr. Pervis "Pee Wee" Meaux, duly seconded by Mr. Louis Joe Hardy, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury entered into the following intergovernmental agreement with the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Board to install culverts on Villien Street:

TITLE: A resolution authorizing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 to enter into an intergovernmental agreement all in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1321 et seq, dealing with “intergovernmental functions”, authorize the police jury of a parish, and any city, town or village, and any special district or political subdivision of the state to agree between and among themselves to engage jointly in the exercise of any power, and in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, or the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking when either one of the participants in the agreement is authorized under provision of general or specific law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking (La. R.S. 33:1324); and

PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to install culverts on Villien Street.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will provide some of the labor and equipment to install the culverts;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 does;

RESOLVE THAT, they will also furnish labor and equipment to assist in installing the culverts.

RESOLVED FURTHER, by both parties that a certified copy of this resolution shall immediately be filed and recorded in the records of the

Clerk of Court for the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana; and upon adoption of this resolution by both parties and recordation of same, it shall constitute the agreement between the Police Jury, the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the above said parties concerned.

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Mr. Louis Joe Hardy advised the Jury of a complaint regarding Med. He asked that Med-Express be requested to attend the next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hubert Faulk, duly seconded by Mr. Purvis Abshire, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury hired Mr. Glen Laviolette to fill the open mechanic position in the Maintenance Shop at the Public Works Facility.

Upon motion of Mr. Purvis Abshire, duly seconded by Mr. Ernal "E. J." Broussard, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury directed that Mr. Mike Blakely be put on three (3) months probation.

Upon motion of Mr. Kenneth DeHart, duly seconded by Mr. Edval J. Simon, Jr., and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

President